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## Oral Questions

**Pursuant to Rule 47a of the Rules of Procedure**

**for QUESTION TIME  
on 10 and 12 December 1979**



1. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-226/79)

Subject: Summer time

Is it possible that in 1980 the whole Community will be operating the same summer time, commencing on the same day in all Community Member States and likewise ending on the same day?

2. Question by Mr SCHMID (H-255/79)

Subject: Inadmissible agreements between multinational oil companies

Will the Commission state why, in its reply to Written Question No. 356/79, it refuses to provide specific information concerning the number of staff which would be made available to carry out investigations into inadmissible agreements between multinational oil companies, and does the Commission not feel that its failure to do so undermines Parliament's right to put questions?

3. Question by Mr DEBRE (H-157/79)

Subject: Conditions of access to the market for manufacturers in the French overseas departments and the ACP countries

Is the Commission aware that under the Lomé Convention the conditions for industrialization of the associated countries are more favourable than for the overseas departments, since the former have automatic access to the markets of the latter, while the reverse is not true? If so, what measures does the Commission intend to take to rectify this inequality, the results of which may be disastrous for the overseas departments?

4. Question by Mr CALVEZ (H-242/79)

Subject: Harmonization of legislation governing industrial accidents

Parliaments in each of the Member States have adopted extremely stringent regulations to improve safety and hygiene at the place of work and the International Labour Office has called for more action from governments, employers and workers. Would the Commission state what steps it intends to take to harmonize legislation and other regulations governing industrial accidents?

5. Question by Mr DE LA MALENE (H-189/79)

Subject: US oil imports

Can the Commission confirm that oil imports into the United States increased considerably in both volume and value during the early months of 1979 compared with the same period in 1978 and state whether this policy of strategic stock building puts pressure on the world market?

6. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-198/79)

Subject: Free medical care in the Member States

What plans have the Commission to simplify and extend the reciprocal medical services available to Community citizens on production of the E-111 form? Do they believe that eventually any Community citizen should be entitled to free medical care in any Member State on production of his passport or identity card?

7. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-211/79)

Subject: CADMIUM

Does the Commission accept that CADMIUM can continue to be part of the process of manufacturing certain paints and can the Commission give an assurance that there will be no Community ban on the use of CADMIUM?

8. Question by Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL (H-186/79)

Subject: Commission Information Policy

Has the Commission made any detailed evaluation of the impact of its Information Campaign for direct elections, and if so, what conclusions has it drawn, particularly in view of the need for improved information and communications policies, particularly for workers and youth groups?

9. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-212/79)

Subject: Creation of a European Institute for small and medium-sized undertakings

In order to deal with the difficulties faced by small and medium-sized undertakings, which have an essential contribution to make to the economy and employment in the nine Member States, does the Commission envisage creating an Institute for small and medium-sized undertakings?

10. Question by Mr ANSQUER (H-221/79)

Subject: The EUROPOL project

Could the Commission indicate what progress has been made with the EUROPOL project to link the principal European capitals?

11. Question by Mr PONCELET (H-223/79)

Subject: Utilization of the non-quota appropriations of the European Regional Development Fund

The non-quota appropriations of the European Regional Development Fund are allocated in principle as follows: 50% to the mainly rural areas, 20% to the iron and steel areas and 30% to various other areas, including hill and mountain regions.

I notice that the Item 1 appropriations (mainly rural areas) received by France are exclusively devoted to the greater South-West region. What share of appropriations does France receive under Item 2 (iron and steel areas) and Item 3 (various other areas, including hill and mountain regions)?

12. Question by Miss DE VALERA (H-182/79)

Subject: Training of Teachers in Consumer Protection

On the basis of a seminar held in 1977 on Consumer Education in schools, the Commission set up a working group on the training of teachers in consumer protection. What results have been achieved so far?

13. Question by Mr PAISLEY (H-195/79)

Subject: Pure apple juice

What steps is the Commission prepared to take to safeguard the production of pure apple juice at the Killyman factory in Co Armagh, Northern Ireland (a factory built by an EEC-grant) which has been put in jeopardy by the regulation permitting citric acid to be added to sweet apple juice?

14. Question by Mr DONNEZ (H-201/79)

Subject: Introduction of a European official holiday

Since all over the world 8 May marked the end of the Nazi dictatorship in Europe, would it not be desirable to make this day a European official holiday which would be celebrated in all of the Member States?

15. Question by Sir John STEWART-CLARK (H-207/79)

Subject: The Community's data-processing industry

In the light of the appropriation of \$200 million allocated by the US Department of Defence directly to industry for the design and development of Very High Speed Integrated Circuits (VHSIC), is the Commission satisfied that the Community and the defence and industry ministries of the Member States are taking the necessary steps to ensure that the Community will be in a position to supply from its own source VHSIC for civilian and military purposes?

16. Question by Mr ALMIRANTE (H-332/79)<sup>x</sup>

Subject: Table grape market crisis in southern Italy

Southern Italy, particularly the Apulian provinces of Foggia and Bari, is undergoing a serious table grape market crisis.

This crisis is not the result of overproduction (production is estimated to be 3.5% higher than the 7 million hundredweight produced in 1978), but rather of difficulties at market level and the lack of an effective planning policy in the wine sector from the production to the consumer stage, including planning in undertakings and/or between undertakings.

Can current Community regulations governing this product and the wine sector in general be amended to avoid penalization of this important product of southern Italy and, in particular, can the EEC determine accurately and realistically the production costs of this product and fix the intervention prices accordingly?

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<sup>x</sup> Former oral question without debate (0-99/79) converted into a question for Question Time

Can the guaranteed minimum purchase price for wine produced from table grapes (EEC Regulation Nos. 337/79 and 1784/79) be increased to at least 80% of the guide price as a matter of urgency and aid for compulsory distillation (EEC Regulation Nos. 343/79 and 1784/79) also be increased to make distilling actually possible, since the present aid is inadequate and encourages the production of raw materials for additives?

Can refunds for exports to non-member countries be increased?

17. Question by Mr VAN AERSEN (H-334/79)<sup>x</sup>

Subject: Undercutting of export credits by semi-industrialized countries

Export credit agencies in the industrialized countries are complaining more and more that the semi-industrialized countries are offering more attractive credit facilities.

1. Is it true that semi-industrialized countries, such as Brazil, South Korea and Yugoslavia, are increasingly undercutting the industrialized countries' export credits?
2. Does the Commission have any evidence that this competition is particularly marked in the Middle East construction industry and the textiles, chemicals and car industries?
3. What damages have the OECD countries so far suffered because of the fact that the semi-industrialized countries are not bound by the OECD agreement on export credit terms and are under no obligation to make public the facilities offered to their customers?
4. What opportunities exist of bringing the semi-industrialized countries within the scope of the agreement, particularly since some of them are members of the Berne union of export credit insurers?
5. What steps will the Commission take within the framework of its bilateral negotiations with individual semi-industrialized countries to prevent a credit war?

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<sup>x</sup> Former oral question without debate (O-101/79) converted into a question for Question Time

18. Question by Mr PURVIS (H-236/79)

Subject: Consultations on energy strategy

Would the Commission welcome the setting up of a joint working party of representatives of the Energy Council, the Commission and the Energy Committee of the European Parliament in order to develop a concerted strategy in the field of energy and to delineate the political, economic, social and financial implications thereof?

19. Question by Mr SEAL (H-253/79)

Subject: Unfair competition in the tufted carpet industry

The tufted carpet industry in the EEC is being attacked because the USA is exporting 'subsidised polyester fibre'. As this practise constitutes unfair trading, what retaliatory action is planned by the Commission?

20. Question by Mr PROVAN (H-261/79)

Subject : Intra-Community Trade in Sheepmeat

Are the Commission satisfied that the French Government are now abiding by the ruling of the European Court of Justice of  
25 September 1979 ?

21. Question by Mr LEONARDI (H-267/79)

Subject: Multifibre agreements

There is a most serious crisis in the synthetic fibres sector, with firms suffering heavy losses and thousands of employees being dismissed. What stage has been reached in the procedure for the adoption of the implementing regulation for the agreements which have been reached in this sector with the Commission's active encouragement? If the regulation has still not been adopted, what is the reason for this?



22. Question by Mr HABSBURG (H-340/79)<sup>x</sup>

Subject: Policy of the Commission towards liberation movements

Is there a political guideline within the Commission on contacts between its members and liberation movements?

If not, on what principles are the talks between individual members and the Patriotic Front in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia or the PLO conducted?

23. Question by Mr RADOUX (H-273/79)

Subject: EEC/COMECON relations

Representatives of the Commission of the European Communities visited Moscow from 25 to 28 November.

Will the Commission inform Parliament of the outcome of these discussions which concerned the conclusion of an agreement between COMECON and the EEC?

24. Question by Mrs EWING (H-274/79)

Subject: Appointment of European Ombudsman

Will the Commission recommend the appointment of a European Ombudsman to protect the citizen against possible injustice arising from the activities of Governments and bureaucracies thus providing two advantages

1. the practical machinery to investigate genuine cases of injustice and
2. the psychological reassurance of the citizen regarding his rights in the face of the apparatus of the Community's bureaucracy?

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<sup>x</sup> Former oral question without debate (0-124/79) converted into a question for Question Time

25. Question by Mr SHERLOCK (H-278/79)

Subject: Alcohol rationing

Does the Commission intend to make any proposals based on the report 'The Medico-Social risks of alcohol consumption' prepared by a working party for the Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs, in view of recent press reports of a plan to ration alcohol purchases in the Community?

26. Question by Lady ELLES (H-279/79)

Subject: Provisional location of certain institutions and departments of the Communities

What action has the Commission taken in response to the request from Member States' governments for an annual report 'on the current situation concerning the location of Community bodies and departments' (Article 10, Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, 8 April 1965; Official Journal, no. 152, 13 July 1967)?

27. Question by Mr BERSANI (H-281/79)

Subject: Special measures for the northern regions of the Sahel

Does not the Commission think that the northern regions of the Sahel, which belong to five signatory States of the Lomé Convention and are still particularly hard hit by drought, should be assisted by special measures based on the experiments conducted to date, and does it not consider that in this connection a special 'regional' programme of dams and water reservoirs would be desirable?

28. Question by Mr DE PASQUALE (H-283/79)

Subject : EEC-Tunisia fisheries agreement

During the debate of 27 September 1979 on the serious situation of fisheries relations in the Mediterranean sea, the Commission undertook to report to Parliament without delay on the outcome of the current negotiations for a fisheries agreement between the EEC and Tunisia and between the EEC and Libya : can the Commission say whether these negotiations have now been concluded, and in what form?

29. Question by Mr BATTERSBY (H-285/79)

Subject: Community finance for China

Following reports that Japan is to raise the matter of China's classification as a developing country, in the Development Aid Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, what steps is the Commission taking to coordinate the position of Member States on the conditions for financing the Community's trade with the People's Republic of China?

30. Question by Sir Peter VANNECK (H-286/79)

Subject: The Community's supplies of titanium

What consultations have taken place between the Commission and the Community's users and producers of titanium in order to ensure current and future supplies?

31. Question by Mr CRONIN (H-289/79)

Subject: Loss of industry due to Ireland's geographic location

Would the Commission agree that our geographic location on the periphery of the Community has led to the loss of the establishment of heavy industry in Ireland and what would the Commission propose as a solution?

32. Question by Mr CECOVINI (H-291/79)

Subject: Abolition in Italy of the Ente Nazionale per la Protezione degli Animali (National Organization for the Protection of Animals) - ENPA

In its scheme to abolish 'unnecessary' state bodies, i.e. those no longer filling a real need or whose tasks can best be organized in a different way, the Italian Government has included the Ente Nazionale per la Protezione degli Animali - ENPA - the only one to operate at national and state level in this very humanitarian field which is largely dependent on voluntary help; the Commission is therefore asked whether it will urge the Italian Government to restore ENPA and keep Italy on a par with the other Community Member States in which respect for animals is a great humanitarian and moral tradition.

33. Question by Mr SCHWARTZENBERG (H-292/79)

Subject: Education in human rights at school

Does not the Commission feel that, with the resurgence of xenophobia, and indeed racism, it has a duty to invite the Member States to introduce education in human rights and fundamental freedoms at primary school or, at all events, at secondary school level?

34. Question by Miss BROOKES (H-294/79)

Subject: Steel

The Welsh Steel Industry and, in particular, Shotton Steel Works, is facing financial viability which has resulted in redundancies.

In the light of this, could the Commission please state what definite financial assistance, and in what form is available from the European Iron and Steel Community and from the EEC for the 1049 of young people and school leavers in the Deeside Area who have never been employed in the steel industry?

35. Question by Mr PAPAPIETRO (H-296/79)

Subject: Recruitment of Greek officials at the Commission

Can the Commission confirm that it received a memorandum from the Greek Government requesting that when Greece accedes to the Community the Commission recruit Greek personnel 'enjoying the protection' of their Government?

If so, what action does it propose to take to ensure the full implementation of the provisions of the Staff Regulations on the recruitment of Community personnel and, consequently, to guarantee that staff is recruited without discrimination, particularly as regards their opinions and membership of political parties?

36. Question by Mrs FUILLET (H-297/79)

Subject: Unfair advertising aimed at young consumers

Every day young consumers in particular are the target of unfair advertising carried by the mass media and aimed at promoting the sale of various products designed especially for children.

What measures does the Commission intend to propose to the Member States in order to remedy the situation?

37. Question by Mr MICHEL (H-299/79)

Subject: Iron and steel industry in Belgian South-Luxembourg

Under the programme it has just submitted to the Council to assist various areas affected by the restructuring of the iron and steel industry (European Regional Development Fund, non-quota section), can the Commission state what progress has been made with the 'TITEC' project to establish, within the framework of the conversion of the Belgian South-Luxembourg iron and steel industry a titanium foundry perfectly geared to technological and industrial advances and requirements in the years ahead?

38. Question by Mrs WEBER (H-300/79)

Subject: Effects on consumer prices of the recent countervailing charges on cucumber imports from Greece and Spain

What were the Commission's reasons for raising the countervailing charges on cucumber imports from Greece and Spain in November?

39. Question by Mr CAROSSINO (H-301/79)

Subject: Quality standards for live plants and floricultural products

In view of the fact that the Consultative Committee, having been instructed to consider amendment of the legislation on quality standards for live plants and floricultural products, completed its work some time ago, does not the Commission feel it should submit to the Council for its speedy adoption the new quality standards for the marketing of flowers, amending Regulations EEC 315 and 316/68, which have proved ineffectual in safeguarding the quality of floricultural products marketed in the EEC countries?

40. Question by Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN (H-304/79)

Subject: Dual pricing

What steps is the Commission taking to stop the system of 'dual pricing' of energy and feedstock which the US employs to give an unfair competitive advantage to the US textile industry?

41. Question by Mr McCARTIN (H-307/79)

Subject: Water schemes for Ireland

Is the Commission aware of the confusion caused in the Irish cooperative movement by the manner in which applications for FFOGA assistance to group water schemes are being decided?

42. Question by Mr HUTTON (H-308/79)

Subject: Commission proposals appearance in the press

Many important Commission proposals appear in the newspapers before they are communicated to members of this Parliament. Would the Commission give an assurance that it will tell the representatives of the people of Europe what is in its mind before or at least at the same time as the public press?

43. Question by Mr O'LEARY (H-311/79)

Subject: The disabled

Would the Commission state what progress has been made on drawing up a directive concerned with the introduction of uniform standards of accessibility to buildings etc. for the disabled throughout the Community?

44. Question by Mr IRMER (H-313/79)

Subject: Coordination of teaching of European history

Can the Commission indicate what action it is taking to promote the teaching of history with a European slant and, in particular, the provision of documentation and information for, and cooperation among, authors and publishers of school textbooks? In this connection, does the Commission not consider that it should carry out preparatory work with a view to overcoming the obstacles (such as the multiplicity of syllabuses and teaching methods) to the publication of a harmonized comparative European history manual?

45. Question by Mr CABORN (H-314/79)

Subject: Steel quotas for 1980

In view of the possible increase in steel production in the Community in 1980 can the Commission specify what liquid steel production quotas it will be recommending for each Member State in 1980.

46. Question by Mr DAMSEANX (H-315/79)

Subject: Substitution of the dollar in establishing official oilprice

With reference to recent press articles and with reference to the development in recent months on the currency markets particularly concerning the value of the dollar, could the Commission please tell, how it sees the possibilities for and the consequences of the formation of a currency cocktail, a unit of account, to substitute the dollar as a price unit in establishing the official oilprice for the OPEC countries?

47. Question by Mr ALBERS (H-317/79)

Subject : Transport problems

Is it true that no study has ever been made at European level of the most suitable routes for combined means of transport and that as a result routes have come into being more or less haphazardly? If so, is the Commission prepared to arrange a full study?

48. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-318/79)

Subject: Community legislation relating to health and environment protection 'against the effects of open-cast mining operations'

What Directives of other instruments of Community legislation for health protection, minimum standards for safety at work and environment protection are applicable to protect both the workers involved and the local population against the effects of open-cast mining operations, and what sanctions can be applied in the event of such legislation not being respected?

49. Question by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI (H-319/79)

Subject : Meeting of the Pompidou Group on drugs

Can the Commission inform Parliament of the outcome of the meeting held on 11 and 12 November in Stockholm by the Pompidou Group on drug problems (of which the EEC is a member along with the nine Member States), in particular as regards the question of liberalizing trade in Indian cannabis?

50. Question by Mr COLLINS (H-321/79)

Subject : Code of Conduct for multi-national companies

Is the Commission aware of the extent to which some regions within the Community are dominated by multi-national companies, and will the Commission say whether they propose to introduce any legally binding code of conduct to control the activities of these multi-national companies ?

51. Question by Mr OEHLER (H-322/79)

Subject : Imbalance of supply and demand on the labour market according to the European Regional Conference of the International Labour Organization

In the light of the report presented by the Director-General of the International Labour Office at the European Regional Conference of the International Labour Organization held in mid-October in Geneva, which states that the imbalance of supply and demand on the labour market is the result of the success of the workers in improving security of employment and protection against dismissal, can the Commission tell Parliament what views it put forward at the Conference, as the statements made by the Director-General of the International Labour Office are calculated to discredit the efforts of the workers?



52. Question by Mr PEARCE (H-323/79)

Subject : Spierenburg Report

Has the Commission solicited the opinions of representatives of its staff on the contents of the Spierenburg report ?

53. Question by Mr BEUMER (H-324/79)

Subject: Fixed book prices

The Commission (Directorate-General IV) is soon to present an opinion to the Council on the system of fixed book prices. One of the questions at issue is Article 85(3) of the EEC Treaty in the Flemish-Dutch language area (exemption).

Does not the Commission consider that cultural as well as economic factors play a part here and is it prepared to give an undertaking that it will consult Parliament before presenting its opinion?

54. Question by Mrs CHARZAT (H-327/79)

Subject: Harmonization of petrol prices in the Community

In view of the adverse effect of different petrol prices in the Member States on the attainment of an effective energy saving policy, can the Commission state what policy it intends to pursue to harmonize petrol prices, given that such a policy would lead to transparency of the market and thereby to control of the activities of multinationals and oil companies and also to better control of the Rotterdam market?

55. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-331/79)

Subject: British Leyland- restructuring policy

How, and under what circumstances does the Commission envisage supporting car manufacturers in difficulties, particularly British Leyland, - for example, in the form of support for their subsidiaries and restructuring plans - and what instruments does it intend to use?



56. Question by Mr SPICER (H-94/79)

Subject: Aeronautical research

In view of the importance of research and development to the future of the Community's aerospace industries, what steps is the Council taking to give an early go ahead to the Commission aerospace research and development programme?

57. Question by Mr BETTIZA (H-271/79)

Subject: Report by the three wise men

Can the President-in-Office of the Council explain why the report by the three wise men was not submitted to the European Parliament before the Council discussed it on 20 and 21 November and can he indicate the political and institutional guidelines contained in the report?

58. Question by Mr SEELER (H-272/79)

Subject : Mandate for the Cooperation Agreement with the ASEAN States

During the visit of a delegation from the ASEAN States it became clear that the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the five ASEAN States and the European Community would be welcomed by both sides and that for economic and political reasons - in particular because of the increasing importance of the ASEAN States - such an Agreement is urgently required. The Council of the European Communities has not yet given the Commission a definitive mandate authorizing it to open the necessary negotiations.

I should therefore like to ask the Council of the European Communities when it intends to give that mandate, what obstacles are preventing it from so doing and what steps it is taking to overcome those obstacles at the earliest possible opportunity?

59. Question by Mr VAN MIERT (H-275/79)

Subject: Resolutions of the European Parliament

How does the Council intend to give more weight to the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament now that it consists of Members who have been directly elected?

60. Question by Mr BERSANI (H-280/79)

Subject: Policy coordination

Does not the Council think that coordination should be improved between the development cooperation policies of the Member States and between these policies and European Community policy?

61. Question by Mrs EWING (H-287/79)

Subject: Parliamentary control of Council

In view of the fact that the Council, in its collective form, is subject to no over-riding parliamentary control, will the Council recognise the need for accountability by inviting the President of the European Parliament and at least one Vice-President thereof to Summit Meetings?

62. Question by Mr SCHWARTZENBERG (H-293/79)

Subject: Harmonization of legislation on the death penalty

Does not the Council feel that the Preamble to the Treaties, which requires it to establish an 'ever closer union among the peoples of Europe', contains an implicit invitation to harmonize legislation on the death penalty?

63. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-303/79)

Subject: Passport Union

Has further progress been made in the last quarter of this year towards the implementation of the decision taken by the European Council in December 1974 to introduce a passport union?

64. Question by Mrs CHOURAQUI (H-305/79)

Subject: Effects of a possible enlargement of the Community  
on relations with Israel

Does the Council intend to negotiate with Israel an additional protocol to adapt existing agreements to the new situation that will arise if and when further countries join the Community, for this will inevitably produce adverse consequences, especially in the agricultural sector, unless effective measures are taken in time?

65. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-306/79)

Subject: Closer industrial cooperation between the Community  
and Israel

Does the Community intend to take significant action to encourage closer industrial cooperation between Israel and the EEC, with particular reference to exchanges between small and medium-sized undertakings?

66. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-309/79)

Subject: Outcome of Council of Fisheries Ministers

Can the Council report on the progress made at its recent meeting on fisheries, concerning the establishment of a common fisheries policy?

67. Question by Mr PROVAN (H-312/79)

Subject: Export restitutions for cereal-based spirituous beverages

In view of the Council's failure to agree on further progress with the ethyl alcohol proposals, will the Council now urgently consider alternative methods of ensuring that Community cereal-based spirituous beverage producers receive the export restitutions owing to them?

68. Question by Mr BATTERSBY (H-320/79)

Subject : Community's Relations with China

Now that Chairman Hua Guofeng has visited four Member States, will the Council invite China's leaders to visit the Community's Institutions during any subsequent visit to Europe ?

69. Question by Miss CLWYD (H-326/79)

Subject : Implications to the South Wales Coal Industry

Is the Energy Council of Ministers aware of the implications to the South Wales Coal Industry of B.S.C's recently announced commitment to import Third Country coking coal into their works and are they taking this new development into account

in reaching the decision they have promised, before the end of 1979, on the continuation and adjustment to new circumstances of the existing scheme to provide aids to the production and disposal of Community coking coal for the steel industry ?

70. Question by Mrs DESMOND (H-328/79)

Subject : Implementation of the Council Recommendation  
on the principle of the 40-hour week and  
four weeks' annual paid holiday

Is the Council satisfied that its Recommendation <sup>1</sup>  
of 22 July 1975 on the principle of the 40-hour week and  
the principle of four weeks' annual paid holiday has been  
fully implemented in all the Member States ?

71. Question by Mr SIFGLERSCHMIDT (H-329/79)

Subject: Directive on product liability

In view of the importance which the Council has recently attained to the expeditious adoption of certain regulations and directives, what progress has it made in its negotiations on the amended proposal on product liability submitted by the Commission on 26 September 1979 and when does it expect to adopt this directive?

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<sup>1</sup> 75/457/EEC - OJ L 199 of 30.7.1975

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QUESTIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION

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72. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-210/79)

Subject: Attack on religious freedoms by the new Iranian regime

Are the ministers aware of the growing anxiety amongst the Bahai Community throughout the world at the threat to their Holy Shrine and place of pilgrimage in Shiraz, where the House of the Bab is being destroyed by the new Iranian Regime, and will the ministers take such action as they can to deal with this latest attack on religious freedoms?

73. Question by Mr KLEPSCH, Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO-CERRETTI and Mr VERGEER  
(H-335/79)<sup>x</sup>

Subject: Violation of political and civil rights in Honduras

In defiance of agreements and international laws relating to human rights, the government of Honduras is holding several intellectuals, students, farm workers and other workers in prison. A list of these prisoners has been published by the workers' organizations CGT and CLAT.

Do the Foreign Ministers of the European Community intend to appeal to the Honduras government to put an end to all violations of political and civil rights?

74. Question by Mr FERGUSON (H-282/79)

Subject: Afghanistan

What is the Foreign Ministers' assessment of the situation in Afghanistan?

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<sup>x</sup> Former oral question without debate (0-115/79) converted into a question for Question Time

75. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-330/79)

Subject: Euro-Arab dialogue

Given that the dialogue between European and Arab countries is fundamental to the improvement of Europe's difficult energy situation, what are the reasons for the present paralysis of this dialogue? Given, also, that the dialogue must be global and deal with political problems, what specific steps does the Council intend to take in order to revive it and what dates and agendas does it have in mind?